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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Because the filing date of the present application is after June 30, 2003, copies of the listed U.S. patents are not included.

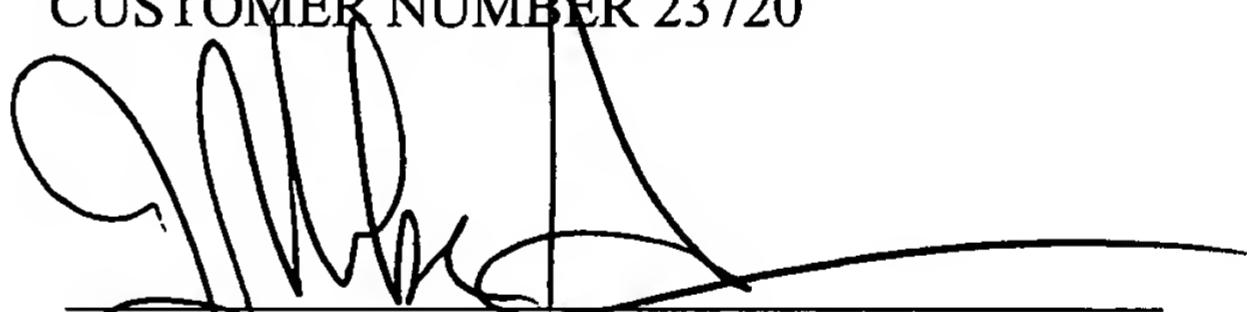
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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: German Patent Application No. 103 08 271.9-51  
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Dear Mike:

Regarding the above-referenced German patent application, we have received a first Official Communication from the GPTO, to which a response is due by the extended term of **July 19, 2004**. Please find enclosed copies of the translated Official Communication, the cited prior art, and our report letter to Paul Drake. We will discuss the further procedure with both AMD legal and the inventor and will then inform you again of our filed response.

Very truly yours,

(Anton Pfau)

Encls: Translation of Official Communication plus copies of cited prior art  
Copy of letter to Paul Drake

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